



Order of Service

Sunday, April 5, 2020 ■ Livestream Service at 10:15 a.m.

Our Mission

The mission of First Unitarian Portland is to create a welcoming community of diverse individuals; to promote love, reason, and freedom in religion; to foster lifelong spiritual growth; and to act for social justice.

Our Vision

First Unitarian Portland is a beacon of hope for us and for our community, a spiritual center in the heart of our city that helps each of us to find our moral compass, calling and challenging us to build the beloved community with an ever-deepening sense of spirit, diversity, and inclusion.

Text and translations for choral music in our services are on our website under Worship/Music Ministry.



For the month of April, we will share our plate with the Emergency Relief Fund of our community partner, [Bienestar](#) that provides quality low-income rental housing and programs for farmworkers and their families.

Prelude	Partita on "Christus der ist Mein Leben" Johann Pachelbel	Joe O'Donnell, organ
Gathering Hymn #301	"Touch the Earth, Reach the Sky!"	
Welcome		Rev. Thomas Disrud
Chalice Lighting		
Voluntary	"The New World" from <i>Songs For a New World</i> Jason Robert Brown	
Call to Worship		Rev. Bill Sinkford
Hymn #175	"We Celebrate the Web of Life"	
Responsive Reading	"V'ahavta" Aurora Levins Morales	
Doxology #123	"Spirit of Life"	
Story for All Ages	"Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote" Duncan Tonatiuh	Cassandra Scheffman Director of Family Ministries
Offertory	"Romance" from <i>Six Soirées à Saint-Petersbourg</i> , Op.44, No. 1 Anton Rubinstein	Signe Lusk, piano
Pastoral Concerns and Prayer		Rev. Disrud
Silent Meditation		
Hymn	"This Old World"	
Reading	"All We Can Do" Gretchen Haley	
Voluntary	"On the Deck of a Spanish Sailing Ship, 1492" from <i>Songs For a New World</i> Jason Robert Brown	
Sermon	"Rebirth of Wonder"	Rev. Sinkford
Prayer		
*Hymn #34	"Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"	
Benediction		
Postlude	"Finale" from <i>The Firebird Suite</i> Igor Stravinsky	Signe Lusk, piano Joe O'Donnell, organ

***Congregation is invited to rise in body or in spirit.**

■ TENEBRAE LIVESTREAM SERVICE

Holy Week Tenebrae Service. In observance of Holy Week in the Christian tradition, we will offer a livestream Tenebrae service next Wednesday, Apr. 8, 7 p.m. A service of Tenebrae, or “Shadows,” is a tradition that dates back to the 12th century and is an extended mediation of the journey of Jesus leading to Good Friday and the crucifixion. It is a somber, reflective service of music and words that will include passages from scripture and music for Tenebrae from 17th century composer Marc-Antoine Charpentier offered by DeReau Farrar and Joe O’Donnell.

■ LEARNING COMMUNITY

Learning Community Classes and Childcare. All classes and childcare have been cancelled until further notice.

■ ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Over Our Heads: Listening and Reflecting to Our Worship Music. Join seminarian Jennifer Springsteen via Zoom. We will use hymnal music as prompts to guide us into reflective writing. Participants can respond to the music we watch by writing prose, memoir, creative nonfiction, songs, lists, or poetry. **Details:** No charge. Spaces are limited. Friday, Apr. 10, 2–4 p.m. To RSVP, email Kerry, [kheintze\[at\]firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:kheintze[at]firstunitarianportland.org).

How to Participate In a First Unitarian Zoom Gathering for Beginners. Are you intimidated by technology? You have probably heard that most of our church gatherings and classes are now being held virtually through Zoom. If you have felt nervous about joining due to technological barriers, this information session is for you. We’ll guide you through Zoom basics so you can participate in upcoming church events. **Details:** No charge. Saturday, Apr. 11, 2–3 p.m., To RSVP, email Kerry, [kheintze\[at\]firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:kheintze[at]firstunitarianportland.org) by Friday Apr. 10 by 5 p.m. and please include your phone number.

Nourishing the Spirit: Practice for the Long Haul. In community we reawaken the hope, imagination, and passion that sustains us as we work to build the world we see in our dreams. Join us for a rejuvenating virtual class held via [Zoom](#) with Rev. Katherine Jesch. **Details:** Saturday, Apr. 11, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. Spaces are limited. For log-in information and to RSVP, email Katherine, [kathjesch\[at\]earthlink.net](mailto:kathjesch[at]earthlink.net).

Welcome to First Church with Rev. Thomas Disrud. Are you new to First Unitarian Church? This class will offer an orientation to the church, to Unitarian Universalism, and what it means to be a member. **Details:** Sunday, Apr. 19, 2-3:30 p.m. No charge. To participate via Zoom with your computer, smart-phone, or tablet, [click here](#) and then enter 013964. To participate on your phone, call +1 669 900 6833 and enter the Meeting ID: 475 878 875. To RSVP, email [kheintze\[at\]firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:kheintze[at]firstunitarianportland.org).

Trans Inclusion In Congregations Welcoming Is a Spiritual Practice. - Transforming Hearts Collective.

This virtual class is for novices on trans identity. This class pushes participants to the next level of congregational welcome, relationship-building, and skills-building. It counters mainstream narratives about who trans people are and employs a deeply intersectional approach. **Details:** No charge. Virtual course to be completed on your own time. To register and receive log-in information, email Kerry, [kheintze\[at\]firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:kheintze[at]firstunitarianportland.org).

■ SOCIAL JUSTICE

Speaking of Justice's Ninth Issue on Intersectionality! Find the link in the *Front Steps* e-News. Don't miss an issue! Subscribe here: www.firstunitarianportland.org/justice/speakingofjustice/.

Upcoming Events! Please stay tuned for alternative event dates for “Condor and the Eagle: Movie Screening,” “Reclaiming Stolen Black Lands in the Whitest City,” and the Annual Marilyn Sewell Social Justice Lecture featuring Darrell Grant and *Step by Step: The Ruby Bridges Suite*.

Community for Earth’s Monthly Business Meeting. Sunday, Apr. 12, 9–10 a.m., hosted by Zoom. If you would like to join this meeting, contact [cfeuupdx\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:cfeuupdx[at]gmail.com) for an invitation.

Community for Earth (CFE) Is Continuing the Fight for Climate Justice. This crisis underscores how interconnected we are as a planet, and how essential it is to be proactive in creating a network of care to sustain life and well-being. Apr. 22 will be the [50th Anniversary of Earth Day](#). Join in celebrating with a virtual procession of the species. Send pictures of your child, grandchild, or of yourself dressed as a favorite species to [apeet\[at\]firstunitarianportland.org](mailto:apeet[at]firstunitarianportland.org) by Apr. 13.

Two of Committee on Hunger and Homelessness (COHMO) Social Services Partners Desperately Need Our Help! Clay Street Table needs cash donations for the homeless and low-income that live in our neighborhood. Please go to their website at www.claystreettable.org. Portland Homeless Family Solutions is in need of cash donations, but they have an urgent need for disposable masks, gloves, disinfectant spray and wipes, toilet paper, paper towels and single use thermometers. Please go to their website at www.pdxhfs.org/covid-19 for additional information. Contact [emma\[at\]pdxhfs.org](mailto:emma[at]pdxhfs.org) or 503-504-5902 for questions. Thank you, Donna [webbed\[at\]msn.com](mailto:webbed[at]msn.com).

■ OTHER NEWS

We Need Your Auction Donations. Our August Auction will be accepting donations from now until May 1, so please start thinking of what you will be able to donate. [Donate ONLINE here](#) or for [donation ideas go here](#). All events and services that are offered must take place after Sept. 1, 2020.